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Docket No.: 050229-0444

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Nath, AVINDRA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8400
Application No.: 10/506,408	:	Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: June 22, 2005	:	Examiner: Louise W.Z. HUMPRHEY
For: TAT AS AN IMMUNOGEN	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of October 1, 2007, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects **Group IV, (claims 33-42 and 52)** for prosecution in the above-identified application, **with traverse**.

The Examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 in the following manner:

Group I, including claims 1-12 and 28, drawn to the special technical feature of a therapeutic agent for treating HIV infection comprising an immunostimulatory recombinant Tat protein.

Group II, claims 13-21, 29-32 and 49-51, drawn to the special technical feature of a method to induce humoral and cellular responses using an immunostimulatory recombinant Tat protein.

Group III, claim 22-27, drawn to the special technical feature of a process for producing Tat protein.